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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FRINTON & WALTON.

THE COUNCIL HOUSE,

FRINTON-ON-SEA.

2nd August, 1940.

Annual Report of Medical Officer of Health

for 1939.

To the Chairman & Members
of the F.& W.U.D.C.

I have the honour of presenting my fifth Annual Report on the health and sanitary condition of the district during 1939. The preparations for war during the year culminating in the actual outbreak of hostilities in September greatly increased the pressure of work of the department, so that the Minister of Health has decided that the contents of the Report for 1939 shall be limited to essential and urgent matters that may have arisen during the year. At the same time arrangements have been made for the careful preservation of all records, including the statistics supplied by the Registrar-General in order that, at the termination of hostilities a more comprehensive report dealing fully with the period can be made.

The sanitary condition of the District is in good order and there were no circumstances seriously affecting the health of the inhabitants. I give below a table of the number of deaths and more important infectious disease notifications in each district:-

Deaths & Infectious Diseases in Districts.

	Frinton.	Walton.	Kirby.	Gt.Holland.
Total Deaths.	27	47	20	5
Infant Deaths.	--	--	2	-
Scarlet Fever Notified.	--	12	--	-
Diphtheria Notified.	--	3	2	-

Both deaths and infectious diseases show an increase on 1938 but the Scarlet Fever cases were confined to the Samuel Lewis Home, Walton where a number of refugee boys from Germany were housed early in the year. Practically all were very mild cases and made good recoveries. All the cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria were admitted to Hospital. Other cases notified and sent to Hospital were one each of Puerperal Pyresia, Ophthalmia Neonatorum and Cerebrospinal Fever. There were no deaths.

The staff consists of a part-time Medical Officer of Health and one full-time Sanitary Inspector, a large part of whose time was taken up with A.R.P. work during 1939.

Maternity and Child Welfare works and School Medical Inspections are carried out by the Medical Officer as Assistant County Medical Officer under the Essex County Council.

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The water supply continued to be adequate and samples of the Tendring Hundred Waterworks and the well supply to Lower Kirby gave satisfactory results on analysis.

The Sewage treatment tank at Great Holland has been reconstructed and extended to treat 1,950 gallons of sewage daily

Other matters do not call for any special mention. No action was required under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. MILNE.

Medical Officer of Health.